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In response to the Office action dated August 15, 2002, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3.

Please amend claim 4 to read:

4. (once amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said bovine herpesvirus 1 epitope further comprises an allele specific peptide motif selected from the group consisting of H-2D^d, H-2K^d, BoLA-A11, BoLA-A20, BoLA-HD1, BoLA-HD6 and BoLA-HD7.

Please cancel claims 23-40 without prejudice to their patentability.